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FOR WDI, COL LEONHARD, INFO WDGE, COL HAMILTON SNGLN WDZ, COL CURTIN. YESTERDAY, 11 DEC, GENERAL MCNICKLE WAS CALLED BY MR. CESARO, OF ARPA AND ASKED TO RUSH SOMEONE TO MR CESARO"S OFFICE TO ATTEND A MEETING ON THE SENTRY ASSEMBLY BUILDING "PROBLEM". I WAS TOLD TO GO AND JOIN THE FOLLOWING PERSONS AT THE MEETING CLN MR R. S. CESARO, ARPA. MR L. L. LINE, ARPA. MR. JACK IRVINE, ARPA. MR L. P. GISE, ARPA. COLONEL R. N. MASON, USAF /AFCGM/. CAPTAIN D. S. FLOYD, USAF /AFDAT/. CAPTAIN R. C. TRUAX, USN /ARPA/. MR MARK HANABURY /BUAER, SHORE ESTABLISHMENT DIVISION/.

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I WAS IMPRESSED BY THE IMPROPRIETY OF THE AGENDA ITEM AT THIS MANAGEMENT LEVEL, THIS IMPRESSION BEING PARTICULARLY ACUTE BECAUSE OF MR JOHNSON"S CATEGORICAL PUBLIC STATEMENT TO GENERAL SCHRIEVER ON 9 DEC CLN "MY PROJECT LEADERS WILL POSITIVELY RESTRICT THEIR INPUTS TO BROAD TECHNICAL POLICY AND WILL NOT HARASS YOU WITH MANAGEMENT DETAILS." SECONDLY, IT APPEARED TO ME THAT THE EXCLUSION OF INSTALLATIONS EXPERTS FROM THE DECISION-MAKING PART OF THIS GROUP PLACED AN UNNECESSARILY SEVERE STRAIN ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT TRUTH WILL OUT. PAR THE EARLY PORTION OF THE MEETING WAS GIVEN OVER LARGELY TO REMARKS BY MR CESARO IN WHICH HE COMPARED THE NAVY"S BRIEF COMMENTS IN ITS TWX MESSAGE UFAVORABLY WITH YOUR OWN COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT. HE SAID THAT THE OVERRIDING FACTOR IN THESE CONSIDERATIONS WOULD BE BOD SNGLN NOTHING SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO INTERFERE WITH THAT. THE OTHER MEMBERS SEEMED TO AGREE WITH HIM AND AT THIS POINT IT IS MY OPINION THAT WE WERE CLOSE TO A FAVORABLE DECISION. THE NAVY SPOKESMAN, MR. HANABURY, THEN SHOWED ROAD MAPS OF THE AREA, AND THE TEMPTATION TO EXAMINE THE MINUTE DETAILS OF THE PROBLEM SUDDENLY BECAME OVERWHELMING. WITHOUT ANY PROMPTING FROM MR. HANABURY THE ARPA PACK TOOK OFF IN FULL CRY MEASURING DISTANCES, POINTING TO LINE-KINKS ON THE MAP AND WONDERING IF

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TRUCKS COULD GET AROUND THEM, AND SPECULATING WHETHER THE ROUTE FROM SAN DIEGO TO ARGUELLO WASN"T GOING TO BE A MORE ECONOMICALLY DIRECT RIDE THAN THE ONE FROM SAN DIEGO TO VANDENBERG. THEN MR. HANABURY SPOKE OF THE MASSIVE CONSTRUCTION NOW UNDER WAY AT THE ARGUELLO "INDUSTRIAL AREA", STATING THAT SOME MISSILE ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS WERE NOW GOING UP AND IT SEEMED LIKE GOOD ECONOMICS TO HAVE THEM ALL TOGETHER. WHEN I ASKED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE NAVY ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS I WAS TOLD THAT THEY WERE PROBABLY FOR TERRIOR EXCLAMATION POINT. PAR FROM THIS POINT ON THE SCOPE OF CONSIDERATION GRADUALLY INCREASED ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES CLN /A/ WE PROBABLY SHOULDN"T HAVE ANY NEW CONSTRUCTION AT ARGUELLO BECAUSE IT WOULD LIE IN A HAZARD ZONE FOR SATELLITE FLIGHTS ORIGINATING FROM VAFB. /CESARO/. /B/ THE ACTUAL CASE WILL BE QUITE THE REVERSE. ARGUELLO CONSTRUCTION IS NOW UNDER WAY, AND AS ARGUELLO BUILDS UP WE WILL BE FORCED INEVITABLY TO STOP ALL /UNDERLINED/ VAFB-ORIGINATED OVERFLIGHTS. /EISE/. /C/ FOR HOW LONG WILL WE BE OVERFLYING VAFB QUES. CERTAINLY NOT FOR VERY LONG - JUST FOR THE DISCOVERER SERIES. /LIND/. /D/ DISCOVERER WILL NOT BE A SHORT SERIES, IT COULD GO ON AND ON. /CESARO/. /E/ WHY DID WE GO TO VAFB FOR DISCOVERER IN THE FIRST PLACE QUES. /IRVINE/ /F/ SHOULD THE AF BE ALLOWED TO MAKE

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OPERATIONAL SENTRY FLIGHTS FROM VAFB QUES. /LIND/ /G/ WHY WEREN"T THE POSITIONS OF VAFB AND ARGUELLO INTERCHANGED QUES. /LIND/. /H/ WHAT ARE THE EVENTUAL ROLES OF THE PMR, OF VAFB, AND OF THE ARGUELLO COMPLEX QUES. /CESARO/. PAR IN THE FACE OF THESE MASSIVE PROBLEMS IT WAS QUITE EASY TO OVERLOOK THE INTERESTS, PREFERENCES, AND FINDINGS OF THE SUING AGENCY - THE USAF - REGARDING THE LOCATION OF A MISSILE BUILDING AT VAFB. ALSO IT WAS MADE CLEAR TO ME THAT NO ONE WISHES TO BE REMINDED OF THE FACT THAT VAFB MADE PMR POSSIBLE. PAR MR CESARO RETURNED TO HIS ORIGINAL POINT OF NOT JEOPARDIZING THE BOD. HE ASKED MR HANABURY TO GET A NAVY POSITION ON TWO QUESTIONS CLN /A/ CAN THE NAVY BUREAU OF YARDS AND DOCKS MEET THE 10 OCT 59 BOD FOR THE ASSEMBLY BUILDING IF IT IS PLACED AT ARGUELLO QUES. /B/ IF NOT, WILL THE NAVY AGREE TO PERMIT THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO CARRY OUT THE CONSTRUCTION AT ARGUELLO WITH NO NAVY "ASSISTANCE" QUES. PAR MR. HANABURY PROMISED TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION BY MONDAY. IT REALLY SHOULDN"T TAKE THAT LONG SINCE THE ONLY CONCEIVABLE REPLY TO QUESTION /A/, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF QUESTION /B/ IS "YES". MR CESARO SAYS HE WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH THE DOD "RANGE PEOPLE" AND TRY TO FIND OUT WHAT THE LONG TERM PLANS ARE FOR PMR, ARGUELLO, AND VAFB. PAR I AM GOING TO INSIST ON AMREASONABLE NOTICE FOR THE

NEXT MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT SINCE I BELIEVE THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND. THIS GROUP WILL MAKE ITS RECOMMENDATION TO MR JOHNSON, WHO WILL MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO MR MCNEIL. AS OF NOW I WOULD PREDICT A VOTE OF THREE /LIND, IRVINE, TRUAX/ TO ONE /CESARO/ IN FAVOR OF THE ARGUELLO LOCATION.

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